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The Silver Horde

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters.
Boyd Emerson and "Fingerless" Fraser enter Katvik, Alaska, and meet a young white woman, Cherry Malotte, who shelters them.

Cherry describes the salmon fisheries and Marsh, the unscrupulous head of the Katvik cannery.

Cherry owns a cannery site. Emerson, George Balt and she enter into partnership. Emerson describes his failure to "make good" in Alaska.

Emerson kisses Cherry goodbye. Balt, Fraser and Emerson nearly lose their lives in Katvik pass and miss the steamer at Katvik on their way out to get capital.

After dreadful privations they catch the boat at Kodiak and are soon en route for Chicago. Emerson seeks Mildred Wayland.

She and Emerson are engaged. Her father, Wayne Wayland, is a millionaire. Alton Clyde offers \$10,000 to ward the cannery.

Balt and Emerson meet Marsh in Chicago. Marsh causes a stir in the city. Emerson and Marsh are partners. Banker Hilliard, Seattle, refuses to lend Emerson \$100,000. Cherry, who has arrived in Seattle, accepts a dinner invitation from Hilliard.

Cherry discovers that Emerson is to marry Mildred. She delays for Emerson's party. To come refuses Emerson a loan. Clyde suggests that Cherry can get the loan from Hilliard.

Emerson enrages Cherry by criticizing her friendly relations with Hilliard. Cherry sees Hilliard and unexpectedly furnishes the money. Marsh causes a strike, delaying the loading of Emerson's machinery.

Balt's fishermen fight the strikers. Fraser shoots a striker and impersonates Emerson, for whom a warrant is issued.

Emerson escapes to Katvik. Marsh follows. Fraser is released and rejoins Emerson. Emerson's machinery is tampered with.

Marsh builds a trap to prevent salmon from reaching Emerson's cannery site. He is mysteriously stabbed. Emerson is accused of the murder.

Salmon begin their run, but Marsh hires Emerson's fishermen. Clyde threatens to sell his stock. Fraser is noncommittal to Emerson concerning Cherry's early life.

Balt threatens to kill Marsh. Cherry gets a crew of Indians to help Emerson pack his salmon catch. Emerson suspects Constantine, Cherry's Indian servant, of attempting to kill Marsh. Cherry tells Emerson Mildred doesn't love him if she will not help him.

Emerson's fishing crews fight Marsh's. Wayland and Mildred arrive at Katvik. Emerson tells Mildred his cannery may be a failure. She takes little interest in his work.

Wayland approves of Marsh's crooked methods in fighting Emerson and threatens to crush him financially. The salmon fill Emerson's traps. Balt cries, "We've won!"

(Continued from Saturday.)

CHAPTER XIX.

"I've heard the news!" cried Cherry later that afternoon, shrieking to make herself heard above the rattle and jar of the machinery.

"There seems to be a Providence that watches over fishermen," said Boyd.

"I am happy, for your sake, and I want to apologize for my display of temper. Come away where I won't have to scream so. I want to talk to you."

"It is music to my ears," he answered as he led her past the rows of Chinamen bowed before their soldering torches as if busied with some heathen rite. "But I'm glad to sit down just the same. I've been on my feet for thirty-six hours."

"It's too much for one man," she declared.

"Oh, I'll sleep tomorrow."

"Did you see her?" questioned Cherry.

"Yes."

"She must be very proud of you," she said wistfully.

"I—I don't think she understands what I am trying to do or what it means. Our talk was not very satisfactory."

"She surely must have understood what Marsh is doing."

"I didn't tell her that."

"Why not?"

"What good would it have done?"

"Why?—Cherry seemed bewildered—she could put a stop to it; she could use her influence with her father against Marsh. I expected to see your old crew back at work again. Oh, I wish I had her power!"

"She wouldn't take a hand under any circumstances—it wouldn't occur to her—and naturally I couldn't ask her." Boyd flushed uncomfortably.

"Thanks to George's trap, there is no need." He went on to tell Cherry of the scene with Mr. Wayland and its stormy ending.

"They have used all their resources to down you," she said, "but luck is with you, and you mustn't let them succeed. Now is the time to show them what is in you. Go in and win her now against all of them."

He was grateful for her sympathy, yet somehow it made him uncomfortable.

"What was it you wished to see me about?" he asked.

"Oh! Have you seen Chakawana?"

"No."

"She disappeared early this morning soon after the yacht came in. I can't find her anywhere. She took the baby with her, and I'm worried."

"Doesn't Constantine know where she is?"

"Why, Constantine is down here, isn't he?"

"He hasn't been here since yesterday."

"There is something queer about this," said Emerson. "Where have you been all day?"

"I go sleep. I tired from fighting last night. I come back now and go work. Blimey! Chakawana come back, too, I guess."

"Well, I don't need you tonight, so you'd better go back to Cherry's house and stay there till I send for you."

As she passed Marsh's cannery Cherry saw a tender moored to the dock and noticed strangers among the buildings. They stared at her curiously, as if the sight of a white girl attended by a copper hued giant were part of the picturesque scene they expected. As she drew near her own house she saw a woman approaching, and while yet a stone's throw distant she recognized her. A jealous tightening of her throat and a flutter at her breast told her that this was Mildred Wayland.

Cherry would have passed on silently, but Miss Wayland checked her.

"Pardon me," she said. "Will you tell me what that odd looking building is used for?" She pointed to the village church.

"That is the Greek church."

"How interesting! Are there many Greeks here?"

"No. It is a relic of the Russian days. The natives worship there."

"Do you live here?"

"Yes. In the log house yonder."

"Indeed! I tried to find some one there, but you were out, of course. You have it arranged very cozily, I see."

Mildred's manner was faintly patronizing. She was vexed at the beauty and evident refinement of this woman whom she had thought to find so different.

"If you will go back I will show it to you from the inside, Miss Wayland." Cherry enjoyed her start at the name and the look of cold hostility that followed.

"You have the advantage of me," said Mildred. "I did not think we had met. You are—"

"Cherry Malotte, of course."

"I remember. Mr. Marsh spoke of you."

"I am sorry."

"I beg your pardon?"

"I say I am sorry Mr. Marsh ever spoke of me."

Mildred smiled frigidly. "Evidently you do not like him."

"Nobody in Alaska likes him. Do you?"

"You see, I am not an Alaskan."

"Do you know that Mr. Marsh is to blame for all of Boyd's misfortunes?"

"Boyd's?"

"Yes, Boyd's, of course. Oh, let us not pretend. I call him by his first name. I think you ought to know the truth about this business, even if Boyd is too chivalrous to tell you."

"If Mr. Emerson blames any one but himself for his failure I am sure he would have told me."

"Then you don't know him."

"I never knew him to ask another to defend him."

"He never asked me to defend him. I merely thought that if you knew the truth you might help him."

"I? How?"

"It is for you to find a way. He has met with opposition and treachery at every step. I think it is time some one came to his aid."

"He has had your assistance at all times, has he not?"

"I have tried to help wherever I could, but—I haven't your power."

Mildred shrugged her shoulders. "You even went to Seattle to help him, did you not?"

"I went there on my own business."

"Why do you take such an interest in Mr. Emerson's affairs, may I ask?"

"It was I who induced him to take up this venture," said Cherry proudly.

"I found him discouraged, ready to give up. I helped to put new heart into him. I have something at stake in the enterprise, too—but that's nothing. I hate to see a good man driven to the wall by a scoundrel like Marsh."

"Wait! There is something to be said on both sides. Mr. Marsh was magnanimous enough to overlook that attempt upon his life."

"What attempt?"

"You must have heard. He was wounded in the shoulder."

"Didn't Boyd tell you the truth about that?"

"He told me everything," said Mildred coldly. "This woman's attitude was unbearable. It would seem that



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With a careless nod she picked her way toward the launch, where her friends were already assembling. She was angry and suspicious. Her pride was hurt because she had not been able to feel superior to the other woman. Instead she had descended to the weak resource of innuendo, while Cherry had been simple and direct. She had expected to recognize instantly the type of person with whom she had to deal, but she found herself baffled. Who was this woman? What was she doing here? Why had Boyd never told her of this extraordinary intimacy? Boyd must either give up Cherry or—

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MINING AND OIL NEWS.

GREENE-CANANEA IS OPERATING SIX FURNACES

Silver-Galena Ore Struck in Reeves Shaft of Bos-ton-Cananea.

Cananea, Mex., Sept. 26.—The Greene-Cananea is continuing the operation of six furnaces at its smelter. Using the use of the Transvaal claim has been sunk to a depth of 1080 feet and will be cut to a depth of 1500 feet. On the Cobres Rico denouncement three holes have been sunk with good results. The company intends to further demonstrate the extent of the ore bodies. Two 80-hp. boilers have been installed at the Transvaal, also a compressor and a dynamo. The Transvaal shaft has been unwatered to the 300 level, where between 2500 and 3000 feet of workings have been done. About 150 men are employed at this property.

Strike Silver-Galena Ore.

The Cananea-Boston company, operating west and north of town, near the Calumet & Sonora property, has encountered silver-galena ore in its Reeves shaft at a depth of 40 feet. During the past week two crystal caves have been encountered which revealed a great amount of galena which had been precipitated on the crystals. Assays have been made of three samples which ran fairly high. No. 1, a sample of sorted ore ran 56.9 per cent lead and 99 ounces in silver; No. 2, the medium grade ore, ran 56.4 per cent lead and 72.6 ounces of silver; and No. 3, the general run of ore as from the shaft, ran 28.8 per cent lead and 32 ounces in silver. Naturally no mine has yet been discovered of the management of the company has the best indications that they will have a rich producer in a short time. The shaft is sunk at the juncture of two prominent veins, one of which is the Norton vein, which comes from the Calumet & Sonora property, and traverses the entire distance of the Transvaal denouncements. The new shaft, which is down 70 feet, is being timbered and when it is completed a drift will be run into the vein which is believed to be close at hand as it is very conspicuous on the surface. Considerable ore has been encountered in this shaft and some assays have run as high as 245 ounces in silver. H. S. Smith is the president of the company and also manager.

Rendelari & Cook, who are operating on the Miles and Tomlinson denouncements, which lie northwest of the Calumet & Sonora mines, have encountered rich ore in the new shaft which was recently sunk at a short distance from the No. 1 shaft. The ore is rich in peacock copper and lead. Three shifts are being kept continuously at work and the shaft, which was begun about a month ago, has reached a depth of 80 feet.

Santo Domingo at 450 Level.

The Santo Domingo mine, located in the Alamos district, and which is controlled by the San Bernardo Mining company, is making rapid strides in development work. The main shaft of the company is close to the 450 level and is sunk between two

veins known as the Balcanera and Santo Domingo. The shaft shows good values during the entire sinking. Winzes are being sunk, which also show up good grade concentrating ores from the 350 level down. With these points in its favor, the management believes that the property will be greatly enriched as depth is attained, as every indication points in that direction. The company is at present running a 50-ton concentrating plant and will soon be increased to 150 tons capacity. In fact as soon as the amount of savings which can be made with this size plant can be ascertained. The amount of ore in the mine is being sampled, and the success of this property will be the means of encouraging operating of other good properties in that district as there are many excellent properties lying idle in the Alamos district on account of the owners being without the funds necessary to prosecute operations. J. R. Hendra is the superintendent of the Santo Domingo.

Gets News of Rich Strike.

Robert Chancel has received word of a rich strike being made on his property in the Magdalena district known as the Zaragoza denouncement. There was found a rich vein which has been sampled, showed assays as high as 84 ounces of gold and 234 ounces of silver. The extent of the strike is unknown at present. The property is located about 60 miles west of Magdalena and since the news of the strike became public many prospectors have gone to the district and several denouncements have followed.

Notes of Other Mines.

At a special meeting of the Rio Yagui & Arizona company which was held at Bisbee recently, it was agreed to sell its Arizona denouncement to J. E. Curry. It is believed that Curry represents the San Antonio company, who own extensive holdings in the locality of the property sold.

The Cinco de Mayo property in the Tigre district is working full handed at present, there being about 200 men employed on the property. The company is preparing to make a few large shipments. The company will soon install some additional machinery.

The Roy mine, which adjoins the Cinco de Mayo, has ceased operations temporarily.

The North Tigre is doing considerable development work. The tunnel, which is crosscutting the veins, is in 300 feet, and will have to be driven about 160 feet more to reach the vein, where it will be 300 feet lower than any of the numerous tunnels which drift on the vein.

The Antigua company is at present employing 100 men and a hoist has been installed. The company is planning to erect a reduction plant after more ore is blocked out.

The Transvaal company, operating in the Campas district, is doing a great amount of diamond drill exploration work. The hole on the Transvaal claim has been sunk to a depth of 1080 feet and will be cut to a depth of 1500 feet. On the Cobres Rico denouncement three holes have been sunk with good results. The company intends to further demonstrate the extent of the ore bodies. Two 80-hp. boilers have been installed at the Transvaal, also a compressor and a dynamo. The Transvaal shaft has been unwatered to the 300 level, where between 2500 and 3000 feet of workings have been done. About 150 men are employed at this property.

SENTENCE SERMONS IN PULPITS OF EL PASO

God will never do anything for man, that man can do for himself.—Rev. Frank W. Otto, First Methodist church.

Love to God and love to man will enable a man to accomplish the proper purpose in the world.—Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, at Westminster Presbyterian church.

The best argument for the Bible is its circulation, and the greatest defense of Christianity is its diffusion.—Rev. Charles L. Overstreet, First Presbyterian church.

Cooperation between parents and the leaders in the church will revolutionize both church and home life.—Rev. J. F. Hedipeth, of Artesian, N. M., at the Trinity Methodist church.

Every king has the right to make laws to govern his kingdom; Christ, the king of kings, has only acted in accordance with this right when he said: "Verily I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—Rev. Alfred J. McElwaine, at Houston Square Baptist church.

Just as the Lord has saved each of us to serve, so He has made it our duty to unite with His church so that our service may be made more efficient, and our power increased.—Rev. R. T. Hanks, Calvary Baptist church.

"The Shout of a King Was Among Them." A deep realization of this experience with Christ as our king would give a glorious inspiration and victory in all of our churches.—Rev. Robert Bruce Smith, at First Baptist church.

The church awaits for the fulfillment of its mission, the initiative, the daring, the courage, and the faith of men who conduct large enterprises, who are accustomed to think in terms of world interests.—Rev. Perry J. Rice, First Christian church.

supervision of S. Howard Leech as agent for the company. The company will have more work done on its property this season as they own a large acreage in this district.

The placer mill on the Dunkin placer ground which is now being operated by J. J. Murray on a working contract has been running on part time the past few days. Mr. Murray has made many changes in the plant and still has some adjusting to do before a steady run can be made.

Work on the placers of the First National company is moving along on a small scale and it is understood these operations will soon be increased.

The shaft on the Rabbit claim of the old Monte Carlo property is being steadily pushed downward and is now 155 feet deep.

George J. Green, the president of the Orogrande smelter, passed through Orogrande one day this week on his way to St. Joseph, Mo., on business matters.

YULIFF NOW IN CHARGE OF THE JUNCTION MINE

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